REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of the Amendments

Currently, all ten of the originally filed claims are pending and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0033908 to Mori ("Mori"). In this paper, Applicant has added new claims 11 and 12. Once these new claims have been entered, the claims presented for examination will be claims 1-12.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 9 to further clarify the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*,

> [a] liquid crystal display unit comprising: a liquid display panel...[that] includes a plurality of data electrodes extending parallel to each other, a plurality of scanning electrodes extending parallel to each other, and a liquid crystal located between the data electrodes and the scanning electrodes...and...an organic electroluminescent device...[that] includes a pair of electrodes that are provided independently of the electrodes of the liquid crystal panel, and wherein the pair of electrodes sandwiches the organic electroluminescent bodies.

Similarly, claim 9 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*,

> [a] liquid crystal display unit comprising: a liquid crystal panel...[that] includes a liquid crystal located between the data electrodes and the scanning electrodes, and...an organic electroluminescent device [that]... includes a pair of electrodes that are provided independently of the electrodes of the liquid crystal panel, and wherein the pair of electrodes sandwiches the organic electroluminescent bodies.

Support for these amendments has been found, for example, in Figures 1-4. [cf. the pair of electrodes shown as reference numbers 22, 24 in Figure 1 and 2 or reference numbers 26, 27 in Figures 3 and 4 with the electrodes 8, 9 of the liquid crystal panel]. Furthermore, support for new claims 11 and 12 is is generally found throughout the specification. See, e.g., Figures 3 and

4 for claim 11, and Figures 1-4 for new claim 12. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

B. Mori Does Not Anticipate Applicant's Claims

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-10 as allegedly being anticipated by Mori. Briefly, Mori does not teach, disclose, or suggest all of the claim elements of Applicant's claimed invention. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn. See MPEP §2131.

Mori discloses a display unit in which the second electrodes 5 function as backlight-side electrodes (the organic electroluminescent device-side electrodes) as well as liquid crystal display device-side electrodes (see paragraphs [0027]-[0029] and [0037]). Thus, the drive system of the backlight depends on the drive system of the liquid crystal display device. In other words, the drive system of the backlight cannot be independently selected regardless of the drive system of the liquid crystal display device. Therefore, the display unit of Mori reduces the possibility of the selection of the backlight drive system.

In contrast, Applicant's amended claims 1 and 9 recite, *inter alia*, "a pair of electrodes that are provided independently of the electrodes of the liquid crystal panel". One of the advantages of Applicant's inventive device, not found in Mori, is that the drive system of the electroluminescent device can be operated independently of the drive system of the liquid crystal panel. For example, in the first and second embodiments of Figs. 1 to 4, the liquid crystal panel employs a passive matrix system. In the first embodiment of Figs. 1 and 2, the organic electroluminescent bodies 23a, 23b and 23c are driven to emit light simultaneously (see page 6,

lines 21-24), while the organic electroluminescent device of the second embodiment of Figs. 3 and 4 employs a line-sequential drive system (see page 9, lines 1-3).

Furthermore, with respect to claims 3 and 4, Mori discloses that the second electrodes 5 function as backlight-side electrodes as well as the liquid crystal display device-side electrodes. While a voltage is applied to all the first electrodes 3, a scan signal voltage is sequentially supplied to the second electrodes 5 along the parallel provision direction thereof (see paragraph [0038]). In other words, a voltage is not applied to all the second electrodes 5 simultaneously, and thus, all the organic light emitting layers 4r, 4g, 4b do not emit light simultaneously. Therefore, Mori does not anticipate claims 3 and 4.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 5000-5113. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 5000-5113. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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